Appl. No. 09/889,324

REMARKS

With entry of this amendment, claims 52-65 are under examination. Claim 52 is

amended, and new claims 59-65 have been added. Support for the amendment can be found

throughout the specification and in the originally filed claims. No new matter has been added.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 52-58 were rejected under 35 USC § 112, first paragraph for lack of enablement.

It was the Examiner's position that the claims were drawn to a mouse having disruption of

endogenous TLR2 and disruption of MyD88, and that each mouse has distinct phenotypic

features. The claims have been amended to separate the phenotypic features of each mouse, so

that claims 52-58 are drawn to a mouse having disruption of endogenous TLR2, and claims 59-

65 are drawn to a mouse having disruption of MyD88. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the

rejection are respectfully requested.

All rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in

condition for allowance, and Notice to that effect is respectfully requested. It any matters remain

in the application that might be resolved by a telephone interview, the Examiner is urged to

telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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